Bar Hill News

December '05 No. 427

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Christmas Services at the Church

6.30 pm Sunday 18th: Carols by Candlelight
2.30 pm Tuesday 20th: Senior Citizens' Carol Service
4.00 pm Saturday 24th: Christingle Service
10:30pm Saturday 24th: Holy Communion
10.00am Christmas Day Family Communion

Residents' Association AGM

Friday 27 January at 8pm in the School

As some of the current committee are retiring, we would particularly like to see potential new committee members. If you would like to find out more, please talk to any of the current committee, see page 2.
All interested residents are welcome at the meeting.

FETE Meeting

on 24th January at 47 Watermead at 7pm
Would all groups and interested parties please join us at this first meeting. We need your input to make this a really good day as we hope we will be celebrating the opening of the new Village Hall.
DATE OF THE FETE IS 1st JULY 2006

Thank you for your generosity

The buckets at the Fireworks Display collected

£473.06

This has been sent to Magpas, to support their work.

Can you help with the production of the Bar Hill News?

We are often in need of new volunteers to join or team of about 50 helpers. There are always people who need to stop helping for many different reasons, such as ill health, family commitments and moving away. We particularly need two new collators at the moment and are always willing to receive offers to help with either collating or delivery.

Collating involves assembling 100 copies and stapling them with the electric stapler that we provide. A short demonstration of a good way to collate efficiently is available from Keith. (Existing collators are also welcome to see this).

Delivery is typically to something between 40 and 70 houses. We produce 11 copies each year, and we often ask you to help with the Fete Programme as well.

If you are willing to help, please contact either
Keith Morris (782441) or Raja Iyer (200291).

Copy date for the next issue is 15th January to Martin Avery at bhneditor@yahoo.com or see page 2 for other contact details

Bar Hill Residents' Association

05/06 Committee

Chairman	Mr R Hall	780304	11 Almond Grove
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The Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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BHN Contributions

What ? (see insert)	Cost ? (per month)	Who, where, how ? (see above)	When ? (in month)
Commercial '¼ page' Ads.	£13.50	Adverts Co-ordinator	1st of previous
Commercial 'Maxi' Ads.	£7.50	Editor	15th
Commercial 'Mini' Ads.	£under review	Editor	15th
Articles, 'What's On', 'For Sale', 'Lost & Found'	free	Editor	15th

All items are included at the editor's discresion and are dependant on space being available

The '¼ page' adverts are for local businesses and we guarantee that they are always printed. This often results in a 'waiting list'. To overcome this we provide 'mini' and 'maxi' adverts that we use as 'fillers' for the text pages and do not guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions on the number of pages we can produce.

Any item can be submitted electronically via Microsoft Office files on disc or over the net via **bhneditor@yahoo.com**.

Anonymous letters cannot be published, but names and address may be withheld at the Editor's discretion, however such names and addresses will be made available to anyone who makes a written request for such information and has good reason.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954)

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TELEPHONE 780442

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Orthoptist	2nd Tuesday	9.00-12.30		
Psychiatric Nurse			Wednesday	2.00 onwards
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Useful telephone numbers

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BHN (Commercial adverts - Bunty Waters)	201421
Church (office)	206120
Conservative Party (Iris Lay)	205265
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Liberal Democrat Party (Tom Flanagan)	780571
Library (Renewals & Enquiries 8am - 8pm)	0845 045 5225
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Letters to the Editor

Opinions expressed in this publication (particularly on the letters pages) are not necessarily those held by the Residents' Association Committee. Alternative viewpoints are always welcome but anonymous letters will not be printed. The Editor reserves the right to withhold names and addresses where appropriate.

Dear Editor:

I would like to echo Debbie Peterson views on dog fouling (BHN Nov. No.426).I am a dog owner and I genuinely do clear up after my dog and if you ask any dog owner out walking their pet they will say the same "I always clean up after my pet". So one has to ask "Do we in Bar Hill have Ghost dogs that come out at midnight and foul our village?" I get very disgusted that some dog owners do not realise that they are putting theirs and other children health at risk by not clearing up after their dogs have fouled. I would ask any owner and parent with a dog who lets children (not blaming children for dog mess) that takes the dog for walks to be instructed in clearing up dog phoo or to let the parents know where and when their dog fouled then the owner should go and clear it up. Dogs are a wonderful pet and owners should do their duty and clean up then all residents will be happier and Bar Hill much cleaner.

George Dethridge 10 Gladeside.

Dear Sir,

I do think it high time for something to be done about the reckless way many cars are driven in Bar Hill. Whilst most drivers have a regard for other road users there are others who are quite irresponsible and drive like maniacs, not only on the perimeter road but on the many minor turnings nearer the green. Some parents give their children cycles, thinking they will be safe within the village but these mad motorists will prove them wrong if not brought to book. I had halted my bike at the junction of a long bend before crossing onto the path to the church and Tesco when I heard a car coming from my right round the bend. It went by where I was standing at, I estimate, no less than 50mph. Had anyone been on that bit of road there would have been a fatality, for sure.

We hear much talk of the A14 being a dangerous road and dangerous corners. From a great many years of experience, in cycling from 1922 and driving from 1930 I have used the roads around Cambridge many hundres of times. Apart from the loony section of the drivers who are on them I have found no fault with the roads themselves, or these so-called dangerous corners and it's not by chance that I had a clean licence all those years. What are generally called accidents could, with common sense, have been avoided in most cases.

Sincerely,
Henry R Morris

Dear Editor,

My great granddaughter, Lesley Bennett, who lives in Foxhollow and is a midwife for the whole of Bar Hill and parts of Cambridge, has recently won an RCM Midwifery Award, together with Joanna Goddard, antenatal clinic sister. Lesley and Joanna went to London to receive the prestigious Lenor Sensitive Award for 'Reducing Social Exclusion' for their development of an antenatal pathway for pregnant woman in immigration detention centres. These very vulnerable women were not previously being cared for adequately because they had often moved on before follow up appointments came round. As a result of Lesley and Joanna's enlightened approach these women's immediate maternity needs are now being met in a single visit to the antenatal clinic.

I am very proud of her.

Mrs. A Temple

[Additional information from RCM, Editor]

Dear Editor,

HGV Parking: I note that Cllr Roger Hall in the latest Conservative leaflet "In Touch" says that he cannot condone Bar Hill becoming a lorry park. Does he not remember that for the last 18 years, his colleague County Cllr John Reynolds, has been repeatedly asked to take action to prevent this happening especially in Trafalgar Way and Viking Way.

Approx 18 months ago when I served on the Parish Council, I made a proposal that a private vehicle clamping firm be contracted to clamp all HGV's that park in Viking Way which is a private road owned by the village. I supplied the P.C. with detailed information on such firms who would NOT charge the P.C. any money for this service. Alas my proposal was lost with the P.C. deciding that it would consider other measures. Any signs prohibiting lorry parking will be ignored by H.G.V.drivers as has been proved in Viking Way.

The Atkins Proposals: In the same leaflet Cllr Hall claims that the Atkins proposals to expand the village are opposed by Conservative Councillors, when he, Roger Hall, at a special meeting at S.C.D.C dated Thu 20 Jan 2005, para 2(b) stated that Bar Hill serves as a de-facto Rural Centre. Later on in the minutes of the same meeting under Conclusions, Cllr Hall proposed that Bar Hill be included on the list of Rural Centres despite the fact that Bar Hill satisfied only 2 Rural Centres Key Criteria as listed in the South Cambridgeshire Rural Centres Development Plan Document "Preferred Option Report d/d Oct 2004." The village was never consulted prior to Cllr Hall's proposal.

As they used to say in the old cowboy films "Paleface-he speaks with forked-tongue."

Rural Centres are a back-door to village expansion.

Yours faithfully
Michael Boughton-Fox

Dear Editor,

I would be most grateful if you could thank the people of Bar Hill in the next Bar Hill News. There was a gathering of about 60 people at the talk I gave about my trip to Sri Lanka on Friday 21st October night and they all collected a further £150 on the spot for the Tsunami fund. Also the concert 'Songs from the Heart' collection of £335 was presented on behalf of the singers/musicians by Mrs. Joyce McColl. A very big thank you to everybody. Just today I received an email from an NGO PEACE with accounts and details of 27 families that were helped to restart their livelihoods through the funds I took out to Sri Lanka. I worked with PEACE in tsunami affected areas and showed photographs at my talk of the people/families helped. I am sure it will hearten everyone to know this as sadly though I told them about it I only received the details on email this Monday.

Yours sincerely,
Renuka Ranasinghe

Coffee and Kids

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On Thursday at the meeting room at the church 10.00 - 11.30. £1.50 for adults no charge for children. Price includes drinks & biscuits. We have a large range of indoor and outside toys.

District Councillors' Reports

Post Office

There is a glimmer of light, I have had confirmation from the post office Rural Advisor that there has been an agreement in principle for space for a post office in Bar Hill; costings have been done and the advisor is now searching for a prospective sub-postmaster. A meeting will then be set up with all interested parties for further discussion. However, we do need to have patience, these wheels grind slowly!

Bar Hill as a Minor Rural Centre

On Wednesday, 15th November there was a meeting of Council to discuss the Local Development Framework. One of the items for consideration in the Development Plan Document was to re-categorise Bar Hill as a Minor Rural Centre and this was agreed by Council.

The proposal to build 300 houses to the north west of Bar Hill

Also at the meeting, the view was taken that the proposed development of 300 houses in Lolworth parish to the north west of Bar Hill would significantly extend the built up area of Bar Hill into the countryside beyond the current boundary of the perimeter road. Also part of the site is in zones 2 and 3 of the flood zones identified by the Environment Agency. It was felt that there was sufficient commitment to housing at the remaining development at Cambourne and additional housing allocations in the rural area are not required.

A Designated Public Places Order for Bar Hill

A meeting held to discuss this order for Bar Hill, although it was low in attendance, was helpful to hear all the points which residents and police had to make. Please let your view be known on this very important matter.

[There is a form to fill in and return to the Parish Council on the back page. Editor]

Bunty Waters
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Heavy Goods Vehicles in Bar Hill

On some nights, thirty vehicles are parked in Trafalgar Way, a situation caused by the fact that provision at Cambridge Services and Godmanchester is inadequate. That Tesco is open twenty-four hours is also an attraction for these drivers. Litter and other debris dropped by them make matters worse. Parking in Trafalgar Way is a County Council matter, and litter, not deposited in the road, is the responsibility of the premises' owners. The District Council Environmental Health Department will clear the road of debris at regular intervals.

YourEnergy to Appeal

Not unexpectedly, YourEnergy has decided to appeal against the decision by South Cambridgeshire District Council to reject their application to build sixteen wind turbines, each the height of St Paul's Cathedral, between the villages of Boxworth and Conington. This appeal will be heard at a Public Inquiry, at which all interested parties will give evidence. It may be a year before there is a verdict. The process, however, has been slowed down by YourEnergy's failure to provide the Planning Inspectorate for more information on the wind farm's noise impact.. The Stop-the-Wind-Farm Group www.stopcwf.org.uk will welcome help by residents of Bar Hill.

That £2.6 million!

South Cambridgeshire District Council allocated the savings contributing towards the Government's demand to cut its budget by £2.6 million. It is sometimes forgotten that around 80% of the Council's expenditure is "regulatory", in other words, that which must be spent by law. The Government is not interested in the remainder, which is on areas such as community facilities and the arts. It is these, sadly, which have had to be cut drastically, including grants to such as the Cambridge Arts Theatre and The Junction.

All-out elections?

A motion placed before South Cambridge District Council asking the Council to change from election in 'thirds' (a third of the Council each year) to all councillors seeking re-election every four years was approved. Now it must 'go out to consultation'. The motion, which I seconded, stated that the present system leads to election inertia particularly in wards which have three District and one County Councillor, and savings of between £80,000 and £130,000 can be achieved by having elections every four years.

The A428

As members are no doubt aware, work on the A428 improvement between Caxton Common and Hardwick is now under way. The new dual carriageway is scheduled to open in mid-2007 before work on the A14 commences. An exhibition at the South Cambs. offices in Cambourne revealed that the two-roundabout junction at Hardwick will be similar in design to that at Cambourne. Archaeological excavations are now underway and, although little of importance is expected, most of the land having been intensively farmed, remnants of Roman and mediaeval artefacts have already been unearthed.

The Call Centre

Experiences by residents differ as to how long it takes for telephone calls to South Cambs District Council made through the Call Centre to be answered. Some reports state that calls are answered within seconds, and some take a considerable time. We would be interested to know of residents' own experiences.

Tesco Car Park Advertising

Following the refusal of a retrospective advertising application by Tesco for widespread advertising in their car park and on the front of the store by South Cambs. District Council, a government Advertising Appeals Inspector has allowed their appeal. The inspector considered that the impact of the signs on the building was not 'unduly assertive', and that the signs in the car park did not result 'in an impression of clutter' or intrude into views from outside.

Affordable Housing

The number of 'affordable' dwellings (low-cost, rented and social) completed in South Cambridgeshire between 1999 and 2004 was 530, the highest number for any district in the county, the next being Cambridge City with 306. This is only 14% of houses built, however, and it is hoped that the large number of 'affordable' homes being built at Cambourne, Arbury Camps and other areas around Cambridge during the next few years will enable the district to achieve its target of 40%.

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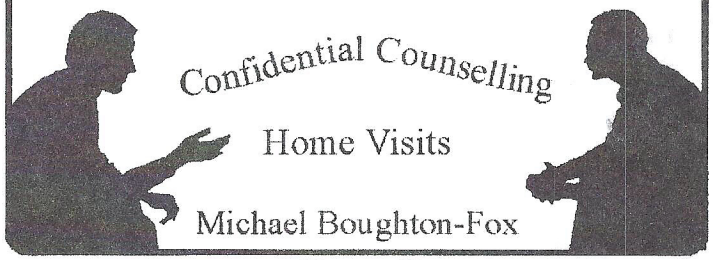

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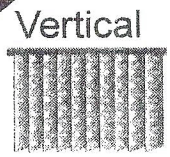
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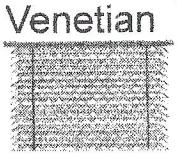
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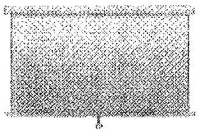
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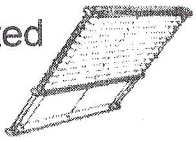
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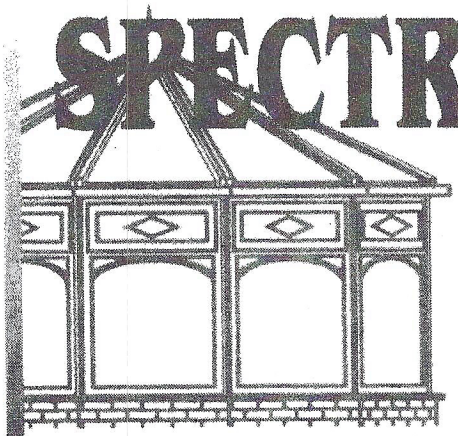

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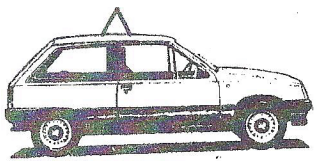

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News From The School

Dear Village Friends

Children Starting Reception In September 2006 and 2007

If you have a child starting school either of these times, please could you come to the school office between 8.30 or 4.30pm to collect a registration form. Cambridgeshire County Council now has booklets for children starting in reception. ***If your child is starting reception in September 2006, the office needs your registration forms back by Friday, 11th December.***

School Fundraising

When we heard about the Pakistan earthquake, Mrs Whyte called an assembly and suggested that we had to raise some money as soon as possible. Year 6 thought it would be a good idea if we had an afternoon to do stalls and other activities. Some of the stalls were: Cake stalls, lucky dip, pirates of the Caribbean, skittles and decorate a cake or biscuit. We raised £209.50 and intend to raise more in the future.

Year 6 Residential Trip

Most of Year 6 went on a Residential Trip to Burwell House just before half-term were we performed news broadcasts, made our own key rings by enamelling, photographic pictures, orienteering using compasses and natural sculptures. We all enjoyed the news broadcast the best because we worked together and learnt about the equipment at the same time.

Healthy Eating Tuck

This term the Citizenship Group have launched the 'Healthy Tuck Shop', which will run every Wednesday break time. Each item costs 20p and includes fruit and fruit drinks. We would like to say a BIG thank you to Cambridge Building Society for making a large contribution of money towards the setting up of the Tuck Shop. We plan to buy a fridge with part of the money.

African Creativity Project

Children in years 3 and 4 started this term with a creativity project focusing on Africa. As well as locating Africa and its countries on a map, they listened to tribal music, made their own maracas and tried on African clothes, which inspired them to create their own African patterns in art.

Inspired by their studies, the children are planning to donate money that they may have spent on gifts for their teachers and give this to Oxfam. They are hoping to raise enough money to buy a camel, a donkey and a calf.

Other Activities

Our pupils have also completed a topic entitled Kaleidoscope, which looks at light, electricity and rivers. A highlight of this work was a trip to Upware Residential Centre where the children enjoyed a river study. They have also visited Lolworth Church and Bar Hill Church as part of their RE studies.

Cam Sight Group in Bar Hill

Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind and partially sighted was set up in 1912 to help local people with sight problems. Visual impairment can sometimes mean isolation and loneliness and Cam Sight's aims are to take our services into the rural towns and villages to help prevent this. Our main office at Green End Road, Cambridge, has an extensive range of equipment along with a low vision room; we offer an appointment system to give people the opportunity to come and find out how the equipment can help them remain independent. We can also provide home visits by visual impairment support workers to those unable to visit our premises due to poor transport or mobility problems.

Today the rural service covers 39 villages, one being Bar Hill. Bar Hill Vip's was set up 3 years ago and is held in a community room in the Bar Hill Church. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month between 2 and 4pm. We meet to chat to friends, enjoy talks, quizzes, outings and have access to advice and up to date equipment for people with sight problems. The Bar Hill News is also available on tape through Cam Sight with the kind help of a Camread volunteer and the editor, please let us know if you are interested in this free service and we will happily add you to our list.

Please call 01223 420033 to find out more about any of our services. If you are interested in the group at Bar Hill please ask for Julie.

Small Ads

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Friends of Bar Hill Library

We are coming to the end of another year and the friends are going from strength to strength.

Our coffee mornings on the first Thursday of every month are very well attended with the opportunity to buy books from our table-top selection.

The Family History interest has also grown and the expertise of Mr Bernard Amps and Maureen is a great help to those who want to explore their roots. He will be visiting the library again on December 15th to help those who need it.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the Friends.

If any dead animals etc. or anything interesting found, please contact Nick Richardson, mobile **07786950684**

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Public Consultation – Anti-Social Behaviour

Please read the article [on the back page] about the possibility of installing a DPPO in the village (Designation Public Place Order). You need to have your say. All opinions DO COUNT. If you cannot drop the tear-off slip into the office then please email me with your opinion.

Volunteer Litter Pickers

We are in urgent need of some volunteer litter-pickers for the village. If you feel you have a couple of hours a week to spare, please let me know. We have litter picking sticks and new fluorescent jackets for those who are willing to participate on a regular basis.

Farmhouse Youth Centre

Now that Christmas is once again upon us, you may be thinking of purchasing new Play Station equipment for your youngsters. This is a great time to have a clear out! If you have any old PS1 or PS2 games going spare, or indeed if you are thinking of getting rid of the actual Play Station, please could they be donated to the Farmhouse Youth Centre. Their current equipment is sadly depleted and in need of updating. Even games, such as Trivial Pursuits etc would be greatly appreciated. Any donations can be made directly to the Parish Council office, and I will make sure they are given to the Farmhouse. Thank you.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend this meeting. The Parish Council would also like to wish all the residents of Bar Hill a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk
Tel: 01954 780456
Email: barhillpc-1@freenet.co.uk

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Rosie in Stitches

Thank you to all the neighbours that have left knitting and wool on our doorsteps, it is most appreciated and we need more ribbon and wool, especially white. Jo Hall at 11 Almond Grove and Avril Williams at 111 Hillcrest will always accept whatever you donate.

Our elderly knitters have difficulty getting themselves and their knitting to our volunteers lunch, would any drivers like to chauffeur our ladies and have an enjoyable day and lunch for the privilege?

If you would like to make a donation to our funds by credit card click onto a donation box on our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk .

If you have an appointment at the Rosie Hospital please come and have a refreshing cup of tea or coffeee while you are waiting. A drink with biscuits is still under £1. If you are able to help serve tea and coffee from the Tea Bar please let us know.

We have a large stall at Outpatients on 7th and 19th December, 9th and 25th January, 6th and 22nd February, and 6th and 22nd March 2006. We also have a limited selection of our hand knitted toys and clothes (up to age 4) at the Tea Bar in the Rosie Outpatients, the Breast Screening Clinic and Clinic 5 at Addenbrooke's every day of the week and at Hackers Fruit Farm, Dry Drayton. If you are looking for a traditional gift then visit one of the above stalls or our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk for a new hand-knitted garment or toy at very reasonable prices.

The Friends of the Rosie raise money to buy the medical equipment that Addenbrooke's and the NHS does not provide.

Many thanks for your support in any way possible.

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Avril Williams

Nick's Nature Notes

If you suffer from seasonal depression, the popular view of December is one that will keep you walled up in your protective centrally-heated envelope for at least three months...

Wake up! there's a lot going on this month.

For mammal watchers, winter makes things a little easier, by taking away the blanket of ground cover which conceals them in summer. Using a hedge or bush as natural cover put a board slightly raised off the ground, to make viewing easier and protect the small visitors from ever-present predators. Put out different types of food: seeds, nuts, and fruit such as apples.

Wait until after dark, wearing your thermals and carrying a torch with red cellophane over the lens, then watch and wait. You might attract field voles, bank voles, wood mice or even a yellow-necked mouse. Who knows? You might also hear the scream of a dog fox, as at night he's searching for a mate; or the snuffling and grunting of a badger; but when heavy frost turns bare earth to concrete and even the tiniest traces of moisture are chased out into icy craze-paving on our windows and windscreens, winter has arrived. Some insects produce antifreeze in their bodies which will allow them to go down to -50C. Queen bumble bees and wasps, having mated in late summer, find shelter in mouse burrows, under the bark of dead trees or in our houses, waiting again for spring.

The tinkling of mixed flocks of tits and finches, as they systematically work the hedgerows, is a clear sign that invertebrate life is still in abundance.

There's so much to see and do ... out you go then!

Poppy's Piece.

She has now had all her chemotherapy. Unfortunately her whiskers have dropped out and the lumps on her body still remain, but with all the treatment she's had this year she's surviving well, still feeding, washing herself and wanting to go for walks. While she shows these signs its okay: when her quality of life drops the hard part comes, the decision-making. I've had her for nine years and she's been with me every single day. We have got to know each other. On walks in fields or woods when I want to keep quiet no words of command, just head and hand signals. If I stop to take a photo or watch some bird or mammal with my binoculars, she'll stop and sit and wait. I move; she moves. I stop: she stops. We have a very good understanding, so 'fingers crossed'.

Nick Richardson, 07786950684

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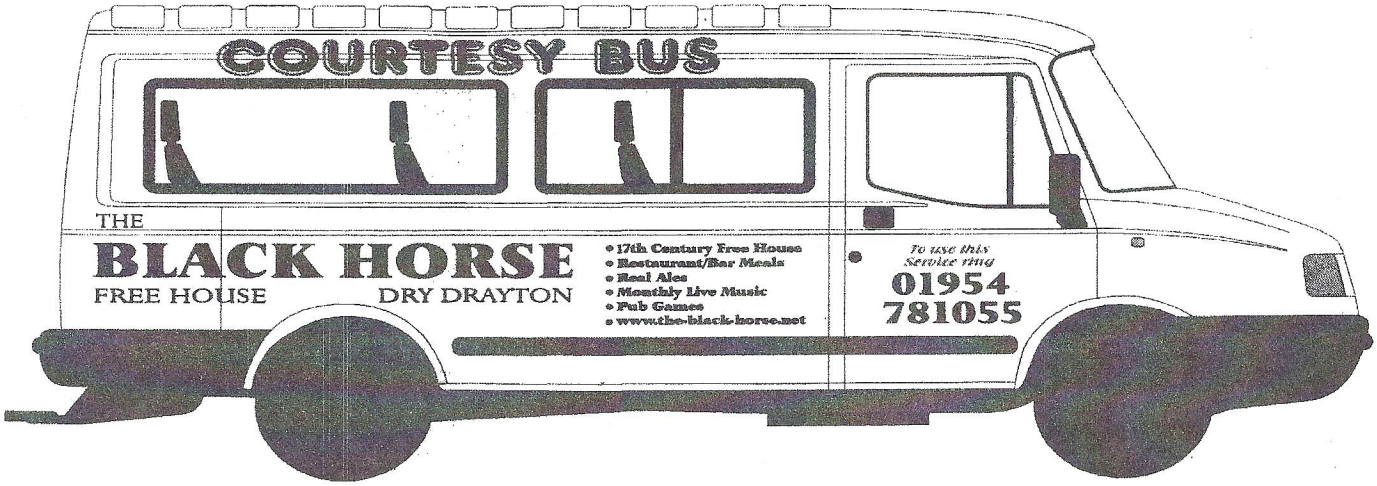

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SESSION TIMES

Monday	9.00-11.30am	1.00-3.00pm
Tuesday	9.00-11.30am	12.30-3.00pm
Wednesday	9.00-11.30am	12.30-3.00pm
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Little Acorns Pre-School

Little Acorns is a privately owned, non-profit making, pre-school.

We are situated in the meetings room (next door to the main church building). All of the staff are qualified Nursery Nurses./teachers.

We are open every day, morning and afternoon, during school term time. (9.15-11.45 am and 12.30- 3pm) There is a lunch club every day from 12 noon.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two and a half.

Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns "weeks, which are very popular.

Mini acorns, is available for children from age 2- 2 1/2. This is a small session with no more than 8 children, two afternoons per week, to provide a calm, secure environment which helps children to get ready for big pre-school .Please telephone if you would like more information.

We offer a "places for all policy", whereby we subsidize or give free places to families in need. Annually we ensure that at least three or four children are able to access good quality preschool education through this scheme. Please enquire about this.

Squirrels is open on a Wednesday afternoon in the Octagon 1.30 -3pm and is a drop in play session for all under 5's and their parents/carers. Please come along to any session, there is a small charge per session to cover running costs and refreshments.

For more information / a prospectus/ a registration form / a copy of our OFSTED report or to arrange a visit, please telephone **Sally on 201074.**

Under Ones

Under Ones meet on a Tuesday morning between 10am and Midday in the Octagon during term time. All are welcome: pregnant mothers, new mums, carers, grandparents, fathers. Tea, Coffee, Juice, Biscuits 50p. Toys, Books and changing facilities. A chance to chat, relax and make new friends while babies sleep or play.

Any enquiries,

contact Alwyn Keeves, 781050

Bar Hill Conservatives

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Leaders – we need your help!

Bar Hill has 2 Rainbow units, 2 Brownie Units and 1 Guide Unit. We have 7 Unit Guiders and 3 District Guiders to support these units. We are stretched very thinly trying to provide a full, fun and balanced programme for the girls. Please consider if you would be willing to help in any way. Although unit guiders are desperately required, we also need help in other areas. Do you have a skill you could share with the girls? Do you have a flare for PR – could you help us promote guiding in Bar Hill?

Guides 10-14 years

Since September, Guides have been to Mepal Outdoor Activities Centre. This was a fun weekend – very cold on the Friday night (good practice for the Winter Camp in January – see you there – Bar Hill Scouts!). Guides have had a cruiseship evening, celebrated Diwali with an Indian theme evening, scoubi evening and a challenge night.

Brownies 7-10 years

1st Bar Hill Brownies have had a great weekend 'Travelling Around the World' on their pack holiday. 2nd Brownies and the guides are going away this weekend (as I write this) and so preparations are almost finalised and boxes packed with crafts and activities. Their theme is Beauty and the Beast and they will be joined by 5 Guides who will be having an Internatioanl Weekend. Brownies have had a Circus Skills evening; worked on their toymaker and entertainment badges including putting on plays and singing to the parents. The remaining weekends of this term will be full of Scottish (St Andrew's Day) and Christmas activities.

Rainbows 5-7 years

Rainbows have been doing activities on their rainbow roundabout including a torchlight walk, making clay pots and smoothies.

We all attended the Remembrance Sunday service at Bar Hill Church and thank the Royal British Legion and the church for inviting us to join them once again. We have also been to the Harvest Festival and will be attending the Gift and Crib Service.

Come on – Join the Fun!

Claire Cook
District Commissioner
(01954 203721)

Swavesey Radsoc
Open Auditions and Read-through

Swavesey Radsoc, which has many members from Bar Hill, is preparing a play for entry into the local one-act drama festivals: a black comedy "Pieces of Hate" by Richard Franks, to be directed by Bob Bright.

The cast will be 3 Male and 3 Female being three married couples

First couple to have a stage age in the mid-twenties.

The other two couples to be of about the same stage age in the mid-thirties to mid-forties.

For further information please contact: Bob Bright 01954 201291 or come along to the read through or auditions.

Tuesday 13 and Monday 19 December at Swavesey Village College 7.30pm

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Present vacancies

Melanie part time	204496
Judith full / part time	201919
Lisa full / part time	201160
Mandy full / part time	204223

Footpath Closure

The new occupiers of one of the industrial units on Viking Way wishes to close the unofficial footpath which connects Otter Gardens with Viking Way . This has been used by residents for many years. If any resident can recall using the path for twenty years, and can produce evidence (such as using it when they moved into the village over twenty years ago) please inform the Parish Council or myself. A path used in this way for twenty years or more automatically becomes a right of way, regardless of whether trespass has been committed in the past.

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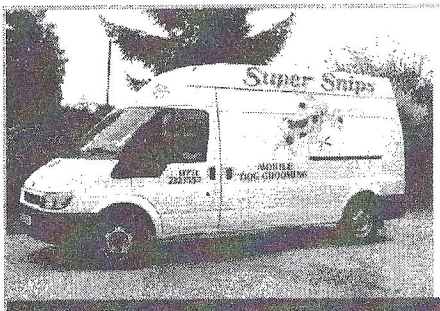

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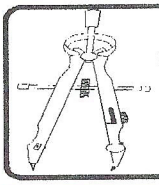

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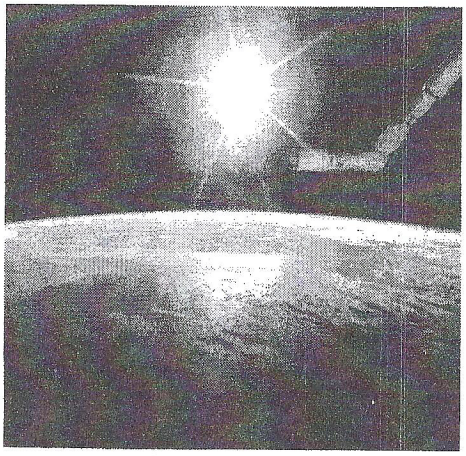

We have all at some time wondered at the world we live in and the wider Universe around us; how it all began and what will happen to it in the distant future. From 10th January, at Bar Hill Community Primary School, on Tuesday evenings, you can join the experienced tutor, Dr Kevin Marshall, on a guided tour of the cosmos. This course will assume no previous knowledge of astronomy; Kevin will explain the new technologies and how they have revolutionised our view of the Universe, from radio and space telescopes to the latest generation of particle accelerators and super fast computers.

The course is provided by the University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education and will be taught in an informal and friendly manner with plenty of time for questions and discussion. To enrol, or to find out more about this course, please phone The Courses Registrar on 01954 280399

Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup

Where Learning is Fun!

Located in the Primary School during the Village Hall re-development.
We are using a classroom and secure garden in the infants' area.
The aim of our Pre-School is to enhance the development of children aged 2 to 5 years placed in our care. Your child will be able to explore a variety of activities in an educational setting required by OFSTED.
Our experienced, qualified Early Years staff team Sonya, Karen, Karen and Sarah supervise our sessions.

We offer your child

- A tailored Foundation Stage Curriculum, with the emphasis on "Learning through Play".
- Fun and Friendship with their peers and adults.
- Our Key worker system enables our Early Years Team to meet the needs of each individual child.
- We recognize parents/carers are the first and most important educators of young children and liaise with them regularly and complete weekly communication books.

Sessions Times

9.15 – 11.45 Mon-Fri
11.45 – 12.30 Lunch Club
Entry via the Community Lounge door.
For more information about our sessions please phone Sonya on 07754433981.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year of Pre-School education. The session offers children a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Early Years Funding

Under this scheme we can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible.

Subsidised Places

We can also offer reduced session rates for parents/carers on Income Support/ Working Tax Credit.

Places

To book sessions for your child please contact Sonya on 07754433981.

Play Tots Sessions

1.30 – 3.00 Tuesday & Thursday
We offer lots of fun and activities for tots from babies up to pre-school.
Sessions are held on a pay and play basis.
Drinks and fruit are provided.
Entry via the Community Lounge door.

GRAND AUCTION

On behalf of the Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup I would like to thank everyone who supported our Grand Auction evening in October. With your help we raised £2000 towards new equipment and resources for our children.

One person in particular, Karen Curry gave up a lot of time and energy to make this happen and on behalf of the Pre-School would like to thank her very much.

Bar Hill THE PLAY STATION Out of School Club

SPARC Building, Gladeside
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We are a non-profit making Out of School Club which provides childcare, for school aged children in a safe and caring environment for working parents or for children who want to use the Club to socialise with other children, especially if they are new to the village.

We have a purpose built building adjacent to the School, from which we have direct access.

Our team of dedicated staff are regularly updating their training, which includes NVQ's in Playwork, Child Protection, First Aid and many more.

We had an excellent OFSTED inspection of which we are very proud.

A typical session provides the children with a wide range of activities from computers to home corner, modeling clay to pool table and much more, or a chance to chill out watching a video or DVD. We also have a wide range of outdoor activities, which we can do in the safe environment of the School playground. During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc. as it is their Club, they even chose its name. This summer's theme was "around the world in 25 days". We also provide a snack e.g. Pasta, filled pittas and hot dogs etc, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. If there is a birthday we make a cake to share.

We are open after school till 6pm every day at a cost of £3/hour and from 8.15-6pm during school holidays for £19/day or half day rate of £9.50 for either 8.30-1pm or 1.30-6pm.

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For further information, to arrange a visit, or to hire the building please call Patsie on **07921 541549**.

Happy Hours The recycled youth club

As Christmas approaches, let me on behalf of all the members of Happy Hours, wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May we all remember the true meaning of Christmas. So be happy and communicate happiness.

A.G.M.

The 16th. Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Monday 7th. November, with 58 members present. The minutes of the last A.G.M., which had been circulated, were approved and signed. The Chairman, Sid Hunt, who had welcomed every one to the meeting, then gave an account of our activities over the past 12 months. He thanked the Committee for their hard work over the year, together with other members who had helped in various ways. The accounts for the year, which had been circulated, were approved. Mrs. Ruby Hunt, Treasurer, reported that following a small increase in the subscriptions at the beginning of the year, our finances were in good shape. Mrs. Margaret Clark reported on 'Speakers', which were hard to find. Mrs. Helen Collins reported on future outings and holidays.

Throughout the year, from our various raffles and collections, we have raised a total of £722.50. which has been donated to various charities.

Elections.

All members of the committee, having signified that they were willing to continue, were elected on block.

Competitions.

Following the A.G.M., Mr. Ken Collins was called upon to present prizes to this years winners. He did this in an excellent manner. The winners were as follows:-Darts (Ladies) - Iris Cakebread, Darts (Men) - Ernie Arnold, Rummikub - Betty Crombie, Table Tennis - Ernie Arnold, Crib - George Alderson, Dominoes - Brenda Calver, Scrabble - Keith Morris. The winners were congratulated by all present. Once again we had some new names on the trophies.

Outings.

Our last outing of the year took place on Wednesday 9th. November, when we visited Romford Market. In good weather, many were able to start their Christmas shopping,

Holidays.

Our last holiday of this year, starts on Monday 28th. November to Morecambe, where we shall be staying at the Belle View Hotel for our five day Tinsel and Turkey break. Outings include a day in the Lake District with lunch and a cruise on Lake Windermere, and a day out at Kirby Lonsdale.

Poppy Day.

Poppies sold in the Club on Monday 7th. November raised £42.00. We thank the many members of our Club who sold poppies near to the entrance of Tesco during the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

Birthday Party.

On Monday 14th. November, we celebrated the 16th. birthday of the founding of the Club. All members were treated to an excellent free lunch, including wine, which had been prepared and served by the committee. We were pleased to have the company of Mrs. Claire Thorby who does so much as the Church Administrator. Following lunch we were kept amused by Clive Burrows, an excellent entertainer. Further entertainment was then provided, at great expense, by our own group of Beverly Sisters. We now look forward to the Club Christmas Lunch, being held on Monday 12th. December at the Moat House Hotel, 12 noon for 1.00pm.

Christmas Cards.

Once again we have decided not to send each other cards this Christmas, but to make a suitable donation instead, which this year will be donated to an Alzheimer's Charity.

Christmas Carols.

Many of our members will be attending the Senior Citizens Carol Service, which will be held in the church at 2.00pm on Tuesday 20th. December.

Sickness.

Apart from a few minor injuries and ailments, I am pleased to report of no known new cases of illness.

Dennis Holt. 780948.

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February

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The Green Bin collection will be temporarily suspended between Christmas and New Year but the Green Box collection will continue. Over Christmas South Cambridgeshire will dispose of up to 30% more glass bottles and aluminium and steel drink cans than usual. Please take excess waste to Milton.

Cardboard

Flatten all cardboard boxes and stack them in the green wheeled bin

Wrapping Paper

The inks and the metallic content of some wrapping papers means they are not suitable for recycling or composting. Our advice is not to recycle or compost Christmas wrapping paper – please put it in the black bin.

Tins, cans and foil

Rinse and crush cans and put them in the green box. If you can't re-use your cooking foil, rinse it and place it in the green box

Glass bottles

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Christmas trees

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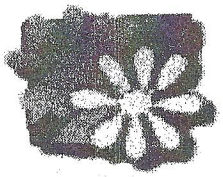

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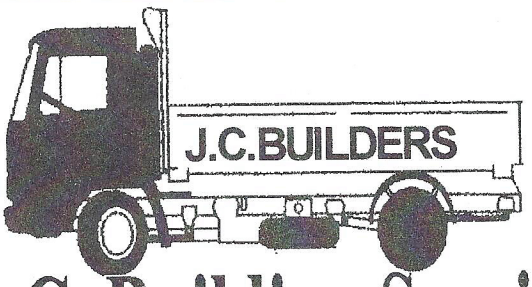

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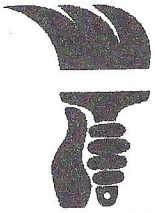

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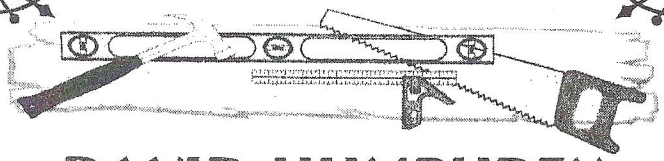

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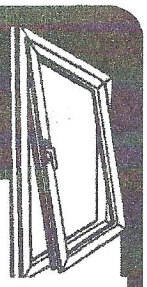

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The Cambridgeshire Constabulary's 'E-cops' community e-mail scheme, which was originated in East Chesterton during 2003 and further developed within the wards in the north area of the city, has now been extended throughout the City and to South and East Cambridgeshire areas. The scheme is intended to provide another medium to enable officers in Neighbourhood Policing Teams to keep in contact with their local communities. It will support existing groups as well as individuals. It will enable information to be sent in fast time to street level or to whole wards at a touch of a button. This ability to be able to create bespoke messages down to street level is what makes this scheme different to others currently available. It will also help us to maintain a dialogue in slow time through regular newsletters etc. and be extremely useful in helping to identify issues that are important in local communities. We believe, based on the experiences to date, it has enormous potential to help with real engagement and I invite you to sign up for registration. We will of course be maintaining our existing communication channels, such as via Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators, for those who do not wish to register or do not have internet access. To register please visit the Force Website on www.cambs.police.uk and follow the 'E-Cops' link.

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2. Belt up in the back

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3. Don't drink and drive

Any alcohol, even a small amount, can impair your driving so be a safe driver don't drink and drive.

4. Slow down

At 35mph you are twice as likely to kill someone you hit as at 30mph.

5. Children

Children often act impulsively, take extra care outside schools, near buses and ice cream vans when they might be around.

6. Take a break

Tiredness is thought to be a major factor in more than 10% of road accidents. Plan to stop for at least a 15 minute break every 2 hours on a long journey.

7. Walk safely

When crossing a road always use a pedestrian crossing if there is one nearby. Help others to see you by wearing fluorescent or reflective clothing in poor light conditions.

8. Anticipate

Observe and anticipate other road users, use your mirrors reguarly and don't forget to glance into your blind area before altering your course.

9. Use child seats

Child and baby seats should be fitted properly and checked every trip.

10. Keep your distance

Always keep a two second gap between you and the car in front.

Football Project

As the dark evenings have arrived the pitch is now being used regularly by the Colts and the 5-a-side league. The pitch is suitable for football and many other sporting activities such as mini tennis, hockey, bowls, volley ball or multi-sports - it's a great venue for birthday parties. If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Lisa Francis on 201160.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

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Secretary:	Paul Thorby
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Post Office Facilities

Now that the Bar Hill Post Office has closed, while we await the negotiations which we hope will lead to alternative facilities becoming available, here is some information about other Post Office branches in the area.

The nearest Post Office with basic services is at 1 Robins Lane, **Lolworth** and is open from 9 to 1 Monday to Saturday. There is a public footpath across the field opposite the bus shelter near the park (between Viking Way and Oatlands Avenue). This Post Office does not issue Motor Vehicle Licences (Car Tax Discs).

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Editor

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club is a very informal meeting for women who live in Bar Hill. we meet in the school on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm.

1 December

Christmas meal for members only

5 January

no meeting (School closed)

If you are interested, please come along to any of our meetings or phone Barbara on 204171

Barbara Page.

The Royal British Legion

Bar Hill Branch

Our A.G.M. was well attended with two new members joining.

Committee for this year is:

President: E Patrick
Chairman: A Shubotham
Vice Chairman: M Cox
Treasurer: M Duce
Secretary: M Shubotham
Standard Bearer: M Conlon
Welfare Officer: J Tanton
Poppy Appeal Organiser: V Evans

On 6th November some of our members attended the Festival of Remembrance in the Guild Hall. This event was a sell out with several hundred attending.

The 7th was the dedication of our Remembrance Week which was attended by representatives from village organisations and some of the children from Bar Hill School. We went on to sell Poppies for the rest of the week. Standing outside Tesco I met some lovely people who told me their families history and why they wanted to make a donation. Sundays Remembrance service was taken by The Venerable John Beer.

There will be no meeting in the Parish Rooms in December instead we have been invited to Ann and Mike Duce's for "Wine and Mince Pies"

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Thursday 15th December
wine tasting and quiz at: Jackie's

Thursday 5th January
Board games - find your old board games and have some fun! at: Jennifer's

Saturday 14th January
social - members only

Thursday 19th January
Body talk - know politicians by their tell tale body language – video and discussion. at: Heather's

Thursday 2nd February
Chinese evening at: Pat's

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to telephone, Jennifer o'Dell 201269 or Bobby Colver 781662

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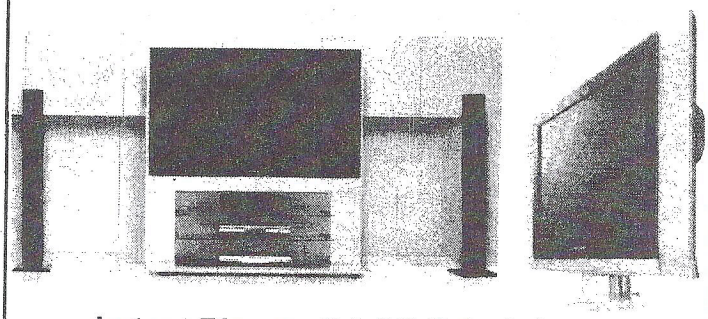

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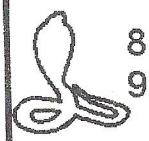

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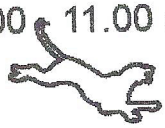

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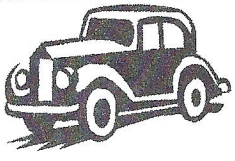

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THANKS

A couple of big THANK YOU's, before we head into 'deep mid-winter'. Firstly, thanks to **TESCO** who very kindly donated a whole load of Halloween party gear for our junior party in November. Thanks to Tesco it was a 'spooky' success, enjoyed by all the boys and girls who joined in the fun.

Also thanks to all those who collected the green Tesco sports vouchers for us.

COMMITTEE

POSITION	PERSON	TEL
Chair:	Paul Prime	203175
Vice Chair:	Kevin Hard	01223-234792
General Secretary:	Paul Neal	205076
Colts League Fixtures	Sarah Phillips	270227
Mini League Fixtures	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin	781838
Entertainments:	Jeanette Barber	781533
	Michelle Davies	201246
	Rob Humphreys	781583
Publicity: *Web*	Kevin Salaman	201701
BHN	Barry Dean	205670
Parents Rep:	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Girls Football:	Ruth Pimentel	782253
Child Protection:	Nigel Barber	781533
Facilities Mngr.	Paul Thorby	781527
Bookings	Lisa Francis	201160

Please contact any of us if you need any help or assistance with any aspect of Bar Hill Colts Football Club.

BAR HILL UNDER 7's:

Instead of the usual match report we thought we would focus on our youngest side. The under 7's are currently in their first full season. They have some great talent in the team and Manager **Steve Andrews** is sure that when they join the league next year, the team will do Bar Hill Colts proud!

This year is the season where the boys start to play in friendly matches and they are looking forward to their first match scheduled for the New Year. The current squad of 15 boys train every Saturday on the Astroturf in the village. ***Bar Hill Under 7's have a GREAT opportunity for any local businesses as they are looking for a sponsor (Anyone interested in helping these boys with a kit, with your logo splattered all over it, contact Manager Steve Andrews on 789778).***

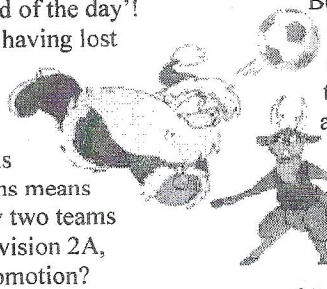
THE SQUAD: **Samuel Andrews, Callum Bacon, Elliot Davies, Travis Pell, Louis Moyes, Joshua Virgo, Ben Fairbrass, Lewis Pridgeon, Matthew Wilson, Harvey Dibden-Angus, Daniel Stamp, Oliver Fisher, Tommy Wilson, Adam Stevens, Charlie Halls.**

BAR HILL F.C.

This month we thought you might like a quick update on our three teams.

1st Team: 3 wins from 4 games in the last month has seen the first team progress to the quarter finals of the Cambs F A Sunday Challenge Cup, only 2 games away from another trip to the Cambridge City Milton Road Stadium for the final in April. Despite some patchy form in the league we remain only 6 pts behind the leaders. We wish **Chris Ewles** a speedy recovery from his fractured ankle, the changing room is already missing his 'word of the day'!

Reserve Team: Despite having lost both cup games by the odd goal in seven (fantastic entertainment) their league form remains very strong. 2 league wins means they are now one of only two teams to remain unbeaten in division 2A, could we see another promotion?



A Team: The A team have only played 3 league games in their new venture into the Tucker Gardner Alliance League. Two wins and a draw is a good start for any team, however, due to an administrative error, the team have been deducted their first 3pts so now have extra ground to make up, which they should be capable of doing.

BAR HILL F.C. CONTACTS	
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Ashley Curry	782663
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Please contact us if you are interested in joining any of our teams

COLTS TEAM MANAGERS

AGE	MANAGER	TEL
U7	Steve Andrews	789778
U8	Rob Humphreys	781583
U9	Darryn Cook	203576
U10	Dave Moore	789056
U11	Kevin Salaman	201701
U12	Mark Hart	200314
U13	Jairo Marin	781838
U13 girls	Ruth Pimentel	782253
U14	Adam Dean	205670
U15	Nigel Barber	781533
U16	Mark Honeywood	01480 830133

Before I go, on behalf of the Colts teams, I would like to extend our warmest wishes to you all for this Christmas, and to wish you a fantastic new year! And remember all you footballers … not too much Christmas Pudding!

Please note: The views expressed in this column are not necessarily the views of Bar Hill Colts F.C., or Bar Hill F.C.

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E-MAIL: **soccer66@ntlworld.com**

BAR HILL COLTS IS A CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

What's On This Month And Next (See p29 for Church Servicess)

Dec

Fri 9th	7.30pm	Ladies' International Group	Tel 780304 or 200527
Sat 10th	12.00noon	Conservatives Christmas Lunch	Tel 205265
Sat 10th	Evening	Social Club Membership Draw	Social Club
Sat 10th	10am-noon	Santa	David Lloyd Salon
Tue 13th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	Parish Council Office
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Thu 15th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council Office
Thu 15th	8.00pm	NWR wine tasing	Tel 201269
Fri 16th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 16th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 16th	Evening	Social Club Christmas Draw	Social Club
Sat 24th	Evening	Social Club Membership Draw	Social Club

Jan

Thu 5th	8.00pm	NWR Board Games	Tel 201269
Sat 14th	8.00pm	NWR social	Members only
Thu 19th	8.00pm	NWR Body Talk	Tel 201269
Tue 24th	7.00pm	Fete 2006 meeting	47 Watermead
Thu 26th	7.30pm	Cinderella (tel 781502) until Saturday 28th	Swavesey Village College
Fri 27th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 27th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 27th	8.00pm	Residents' Association AGM	School

Feb

Thu 2nd	8.00pm	NWR Chinese evening	Tel 201269

The Bar Hill Massive Youth Action Trust

The Bar Hill Massive Youth Action Trust is progressing steadily. Once we are a registered charity we will be applying for funding. We hope that during 2006 we will be able to employ a youth worker for the village to work alongside existing youth provision.

A Youth Forum will meet for the first time in the New Year and hopefully the young people of the village will have a line of communication to the Trust and other village groups. A number of village organisations have been invited to send a young person as a representative on the Forum.

We hope that this exciting and innovative scheme will provide benefits and produce results. If you would like further details please contact Claire Thorby in the Church Office on 206120

Claire Thorby (Trustee)

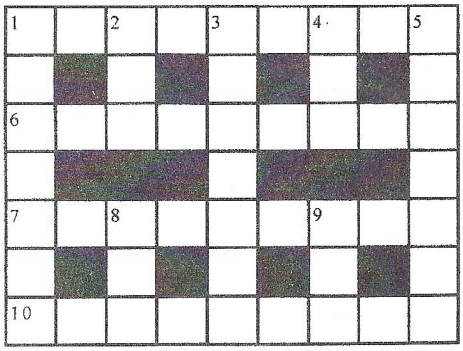
Crossword Just for fun. Answers next issue.

Across

1. Said to move annoyingly
6. Vicia Faba
7. Complicated
10. Not for bowling greens (4,5)

Down

1. Heavenly messenger
2. try or past?
3. Part of Xmas dinner
4. Diocese
5. Required for a carol concert
8. Colour or Beat
9. Also known as



Residents' Association

Meetings

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Parish Offices, The next meeting is planned for 13th December at 8pm.. The January meeting will be the AGM, details are on the front page.

Fete 2006

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP RUN THE FETE?

We are looking for people to help us organize for next year fete. All it takes is 1 hour a month. For more details phone LISA on 201160

Details of the first meeting are on the front page of this issue.

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B	■	E	■	N	■	U	■	R
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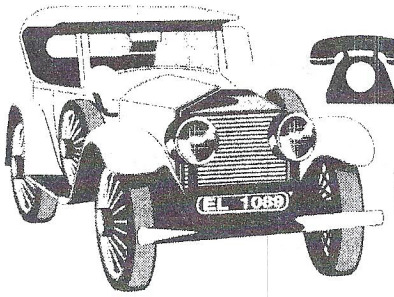
Local help and support for people with sight problems

Did you know that there is help for anyone with sight problems?

A group is held at the Church, Bar Hill, 2pm until 4pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Please contact Joan on 01954 200622 or Julie on 01223 420033.

Cambridge Society for the blind and partially sighted helping people in their own community.



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Church Services

Sun 11th	10.00am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Paul Hills
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	Preacher: Rev Barry Vendy
Sun 18th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev David Hardiman
	10.00am	**Christmas Gift & Crib Service with the uniform organisations**	Leaders: Mrs Di Gunton Mrs Linda King
	6.30pm	**The Village Christmas Carol Service**	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
Tue 20th	**2.30pm**	**Senior Citizens' Carol Service**	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
Wed 21st		(No Mid-Week Communion Service)	
Sat 24th	**4.00pm**	**Christingle Service**	Leader: Mrs Claire Thorby
	10.30pm	**Christmas Eve – Holy Communion**	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
Sun 25th	**10.00am**	**Christmas Day - Morning Worship & Holy Communion**	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
Sun 1st Jan	10.00am	Worship Service & Holy Communion (No Evening Service)	

People to contact:

Church Secretary	Ms Alison Burling	Tel: 01954 789282
Church Administrator	Mrs Claire Thorby	Tel/Fax: 01954 206120
Church Council	Richard Lewney	Tel: 01954 204433
Church Council	Malcolm Cox	Tel: 01954 200268
Church Council	Claire Ford	Tel: 01954 780964
Church Council	Sue Hilson	Tel: 01954 780890
Church Council	Anne Tanner	Tel: 01954 200957
Moderator	Rev. John Proctor	Tel: 01223 741092

The Octagon Newsletter

Bar Hill Church produces a monthly newsletter called the Octagon. The newsletter contains news items, details of events taking place in the church, as well as details of the services taking place during each month. If you would like to have a copy delivered to your door, free of charge, then please contact Keith Dixon on 01954 200880 or email keith_dixon@ntlworld.com.

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

For Christmas service times at Bar Hill please contact Bunty 201421 or the Presbytery 01223 350787

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm

Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

For this month only, the "What's On" diary and the crossword are on page 26

Please fill in and return to the Parish Council Office

Alcohol Related Anti-social Behaviour in Bar Hill

The Police and local community have identified a problem with alcohol related anti-social behaviour in Bar Hill by groups of young people (approximately 13-19 age group), from Bar Hill and coming in from other villages. The problems have been based around the church, shops and library and have included smashed glass, rowdy and intimidating behaviour and criminal damage. The problem is worse on weekends and over the winter. There has been concern that 24 hour licensing at Tesco's will exacerbate the problems.

The Parish and District Councils, along with Police, Youth Outreach Workers, Trading Standards, Fire Service and others, have been looking at ways of addressing these problems.

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<tr><th>Yes</th><th>No</th></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Use of Youth Outreach workers (short term solution, already in place)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Increased Police patrols (short term solution, already in place)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Trading Standards training and enforcement (medium term solution)</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Improved provision of youth services in the Village (long term solution)</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">A Designated Public Places Order (medium to long term solution)
A DPPO enables an area where there has been alcohol-related disorder to be designated, giving the Police discretionary powers to stop anyone possessing or consuming alcohol. It does not prevent possession or social drinking of alcohol.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Pros
- Does not ban alcohol
- Course of action where alcohol is linked to anti-social behaviour
- Easy to enforce regardless of age
- Can be in a certain places or across the whole village.</td><td>Cons
- Remains in place till revoked (also a pro?)
- Signs will be on lamp posts to inform of a DPPO (also a pro? may act as deterrent)</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">A Section 30 Dispersal Order (medium term solution)
This relates to a defined area where there has been evidence of anti-social behaviour. Once an area has been designated, it allows the Police to disperse groups of two or more people from the area for a maximum 24 hours. Police can physically take those under 16 home.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Pros
- Police can disperse two or more who are causing a nuisance
- Easy to enforce regardless of age
- Quick to put into place</td><td>Cons
- Maximum 6 month for each order
- Only applies to one place so problems could move into other areas
- Courts have recently reduced power to take young people home
- Could cause resentment in young people who are not acting anti-socially</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
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If you support the DPPO, do you believe it should be across the village or in selected areas?

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If selected areas, where would you select?

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If there are alternative courses of action you would like to see, or you would like to add other opinions or your address please write below or enclose a separate piece of paper.